

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-2. (canceled)

1 ³/₃. (currently amended) A method of improving photodynamic therapy (PDT) mediated treatment of choroidal neovasculture in a subject comprising

providing, during a period of about three months following an initial PDT treatment, at least two additional PDT treatments to said subject after evaluations for neovascular leakage at about 45 days and about 90 days following said initial PDT treatment.

2 ⁴/₄. (currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A method of claim 3 of improving photodynamic therapy (PDT) mediated treatment of choroidal neovasculture in a subject comprising
providing, during a period of about three months following an initial PDT treatment,
~~wherein said a total of at least [[two]] three additional PDT treatments are provided at about 45 days~~
~~and about 90 days following said initial PDT treatment.~~

3 ²/₃. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[3]]~~ ²/₄ wherein a total of three additional PDT treatments are provided at about 30 days, at about 60 days and at about 90 days following said initial PDT treatment.

4 ²/₄. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[3]]~~ ²/₄ wherein a total of at least three additional PDT treatments are provided at about 15 days, at about 30 days, at about 45 days, at about 60 days, at about 75 days and at about 90 days following said initial PDT treatment.

6 ²/₇. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, ⁵/₄ or 25, wherein the CNV is in a subject afflicted or diagnosed with age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

7 ⁶/₈. (original) The method of claim ⁶/₇, wherein the AMD is the "wet" form.

~~8~~⁸ ~~10~~ (currently amended) The method of claim 3, ~~4~~² or ~~25~~⁵, wherein said additional PDT treatments comprise the administration of a photosensitizer (PS).

~~9~~⁹ ~~10~~ (previously presented) The method of claim ~~9~~⁸, wherein the PS is administered at a concentration ranging between about 2 to 8 mg PS per square meter of body surface area of said subject.

~~10~~¹⁰ ~~11~~ (previously presented) The method of claim ~~10~~⁹, wherein the PS is administered at a concentration of 6 mg PS per square meter of body surface area of said subject.

~~11~~¹¹ ~~12~~ (original) The method of claim ~~9~~⁸, wherein the PS is a green porphyrin.

~~12~~¹² ~~13~~ (currently amended) The method of claim ~~12~~¹¹, wherein the green porphyrin is selected from a group consisting of BPD-DA, BPD-DB, BPD-MA, BPD-MB, EA6, and B3.

~~13~~¹³ ~~14~~ (original) The method of claim ~~13~~¹², wherein the green porphyrin is BPD-MA.

~~14~~¹⁴ ~~15~~ (original) The method of claim ~~12~~¹¹, wherein the PS is coupled to a specific binding ligand.

~~15~~¹⁵ ~~16~~ (original) The method of claim ~~9~~⁸, wherein the PS is formulated with a carrier.

~~16~~¹⁶ ~~17~~ (original) The method of claim ~~16~~¹⁵, wherein the formulation is selected from the group consisting of a liposome, emulsion, or aqueous solution.

~~17~~¹⁷ ~~18~~ (currently amended) The method of claim 3, ~~4~~² or ~~25~~⁵, wherein said additional PDT treatments comprise irradiation with electromagnetic radiation containing wavelengths in the visible light spectra.

¹⁸~~18~~. (original) The method of claim ¹⁷~~18~~, wherein the irradiation provides between 12.5 J/cm² and 100 J/cm².

¹⁹~~20~~. (original) The method of claim ¹⁷~~18~~, wherein said irradiating occurs between 5 to 30 minutes after administration of a photosensitizer.

²⁰~~21~~. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 3, further comprising providing, during a period of about six months following the~~ A method of improving photodynamic therapy (PDT) mediated treatment of choroidal neovasculture in a subject comprising providing, during a period of about six months following an initial PDT treatment, another a total of at least three additional PDT treatments following said initial PDT treatment to said subject after evaluation for neovascular leakage, ~~wherein a total three additional PDT treatments are provided following said initial PDT treatment.~~

²¹~~22~~. (previously presented) The method of claim ²⁰~~21~~, wherein the total of three additional treatments are provided at about 45 days, at about 90 days, and at about 135 days following said initial PDT treatment.

²²~~23~~. (currently amended) The method of claim ²⁰~~21~~ ²⁰~~[[3]]~~, further comprising providing, during a period of about six months following the initial PDT treatment, ~~another two a total of five additional PDT treatments following said initial PDT treatment~~ to said subject after evaluations for neovascular leakage, wherein a total five additional PDT treatments are provided following said initial PDT treatment.

²³~~24~~. (previously presented) The method of claim ²²~~23~~, wherein the total of five additional treatments are provided at about 30 days, at about 60 days, at about 90 days, at about 120 days, and at about 150 days following said initial PDT treatment.

⁵~~25~~. (previously presented) A method of improving photodynamic therapy (PDT) mediated treatment of choroidal neovasculture in a subject comprising providing, during a period

of about six months following an initial PDT treatment, additional PDT treatments to said subject after evaluations for neovascular leakage at intervals of about 60 days.